

What is claimed is:

1. A side turn signal light provided in a vehicle, comprising:
 - a lamp bulb that flashes based upon a predetermined flash control; and
 - an infrared light reduction member which reduces infrared light of flashing light emitted by the lamp bulb and which is provided for one of the lamp bulb and a periphery of the lamp bulb.
2. The side turn signal light according to claim 1, wherein the infrared light reduction member is at least one of an infrared light reduction coating that is applied to the lamp bulb, an infrared light reducing film that is attached to a lens that covers the lamp bulb, and an infrared light reducing filter plate that is disposed between the lamp bulb and the lens.
3. A vehicle periphery monitoring device comprising:
 - an imaging unit which is sensitive to infrared light and which is disposed such that a vehicle side zone including a side turn signal light provided on a vehicle body side surface can be imaged;
 - a display unit that displays a shot image that is imaged by the imaging unit; and
 - a display control portion that inhibits display on the display unit of the shot image from the imaging unit when the side turn signal light is lit.
4. The vehicle periphery monitoring device according to claim 3, wherein the imaging unit opens and closes a shutter provided in the imaging unit in synchronization with flushing of the side turn signal light.
5. The vehicle periphery monitoring device according to claim 3, wherein the imaging unit changes an aperture size of an aperture provided in the imaging unit in synchronization with flushing of the side turn signal light.
6. The vehicle periphery monitoring device according to claim 5, further comprising:
 - an illumination portion that illuminates an imaged zone that is imaged by the imaging unit with near-infrared light; and

an illumination control portion that controls illumination of the illumination portion, wherein the illumination control portion interrupts illumination of the illumination portion when the side turn signal light is lit.

7. The vehicle periphery monitoring device according to claim 6, wherein the illumination control portion causes the illumination portion to be constantly lit when a head light switch is in an on state, and if the side turn signal light is lit when the illumination portion is executing illumination, the illumination control portion controls the aperture size of the aperture by closing-down the aperture such that the aperture size accords with a periphery illumination intensity generated by the illumination portion and the side turn signal light being lit.

8. The vehicle periphery monitoring device according to claim 6, wherein the illumination control portion causes, even if the head light switch is in the on state, the illumination portion to be extinguished during a period in which the side turn signal light is lit, and controls the aperture size of the aperture such that the aperture size accords with a periphery illumination intensity generated by just the side turn signal light being lit.

9. A vehicle body construction comprising:

- an imaging unit which is sensitive to infrared light and which images a vehicle side zone including a side turn signal light provided on a vehicle body side surface;
- a display unit that displays a shot image that is imaged by the imaging unit; and
- a shielding portion that shields an optical path that connects the side turn signal light and the imaging unit.

10. The vehicle body construction according to claim 9, wherein the shielding portion is provided in at least one of the side turn signal light and the imaging unit.

11. A vehicle imaging device comprising:

- an imaging unit which is sensitive to infrared light and which images a vehicle side zone including a side turn signal light provided on a vehicle body side surface; and
- a polarized filter disposed at a position that makes it possible to block, amongst light that is incident on the imaging unit, light from an imaged area of the side turn signal light.

12. The vehicle imaging device according to claim 11, wherein:

the imaging unit is provided on a movable part of the vehicle; and

the polarized filter is provided such that, even if the imaging unit is moved in accordance with movement of the movable part of the vehicle, the position of the polarized filter can be moved so as to constantly correspond with an imaged position of the side turn signal light.

13. A vehicle periphery monitoring device comprising:

imaging means which is sensitive to infrared light and which is disposed such that a vehicle side zone including a side turn signal light provided on a vehicle body side surface can be imaged;

display means that displays a shot image that is imaged by the imaging means;

and

display control means that inhibits display on the display unit of the shot image from the imaging means when the side turn signal light is lit.

14. A vehicle body construction comprising:

imaging means which is sensitive to infrared light and which images a vehicle side zone including a side turn signal light provided on a vehicle body side surface;

display means that displays a shot image that is imaged by the imaging means;

and

shielding means that shields an optical path that connects the side turn signal light and the imaging means.

15. A vehicle imaging device comprising:

imaging means which is sensitive to infrared light and which images a vehicle side zone including a side turn signal light provided on a vehicle body side surface; and

polarized filtering means disposed at a position that makes it possible to block, amongst light that is incident on the imaging means, light from an imaged area of the side turn signal light.